

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

BARTLETT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Craft at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Callen, Draper, Kimmel-Dagostino, Kraemer, Craft

Excused Absence: Cardella

Absent: Thomas

Staff: Wand

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Draper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

Former Commissioner Griffith provided the inspiration:

"Love is the shortest distance between two hearts."

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Callen moved, Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of May 12, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved, Commissioner Callen seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of April 14, 2009 as read. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Irene Griffith, Former Commission on Aging Member
- Vickie Hershberger, Torrance Memorial Medical Center
- Mary Blake, Home Instead Senior Care

7. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported on recent City Council meetings:

April 14

- It was announced that 33 volunteers are needed to serve on the Torrance Centennial Committee; applications will be available in early June.
- The May 19 Special Election ballot measures were announced; the City Council took the following positions: "NO" on 1A-1E; "No position" on 1F.

April 21

- Budget Workshops/Public Hearings for Fiscal years 2009-2011 were announced; they will be held on June 2 and June 9.
- It was announced that crime is down in Torrance.

April 28

- The City's float entry for the 2010 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was approved; expenditure is \$142,000.
- The purchase of 3,816 curbside green containers was approved; expenditure is \$204,000.
- A 45 day moratorium on new massage parlors and massage licenses was approved.

May 5

- The contract for the construction of a "One Stop Shop" Permit Center at City Hall was approved; expenditure is \$1,166,000.

B. Housing

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported that the Mobile Home Rental Subsidy Program is now underway.

Commissioner Kraemer referenced a recent article which appeared in the Wall Street Journal pertaining to the status of construction of new Senior Housing projects.

C. Health

No report.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Craft reported that he will be serving on a City Transportation Committee and asked for feedback on transportation issues from his fellow commissioners. Commissioner Kraemer and Commissioner Griffith offered some suggested discussion points.

The AARP Safe Driver Courses were discussed.

The issue of cameras at traffic signals was discussed.

E. Cable

Commissioner Callen reported that he will be covering the Armed Forces Day Parade.

F. Focal Point Program

On behalf of Commissioner Cardella, Mrs. Wand reported on statistics for the month of April:

- Total number of calls received – 136
- Total number of documented calls – 60
- Miscellaneous calls – 76
- Total number of walk-ins – 49
- Total number of call-backs – 26

Of the 60 documented calls,

- 33.3% were in regard to Housing
- 20% were in regard to In-Home Services
- 11.7% were questions about Finances

She also announced that Focal Point volunteers participated in the recently held Health Fair sponsored by the City of Carson.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported on a current scam involving a female suspect asking residents for money; she poses to be in need of cash for transportation to get to her injured spouse.

8. OLDER AMERICANS MONTH RECOGNITION

Mrs. Wand announced that the City Council recognition of the Older Americans Award recipients will take place at the Council meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. She also announced that the LA County Older Americans Recognition program is scheduled for Thursday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Craft to nominate Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino as 2009-10 Chairperson and Commissioner Craft as 2009-10 Vice-Chairperson. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Commissioners and staff acknowledged Commissioner Craft for his service as Chairperson for the past two years. Commissioner Kraemer agreed to present City Council reports for future Commission meetings.

10. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Guest Mary Blake indicated that Home Instead Senior Care would like to see some type of ordinance in the City of Torrance to register caregivers who provide services to seniors.

- Guest Vickie Hershberger distributed copies of the new issue of “Vim and Vigor.” She also announced an upcoming lecture: “Aromatherapy-Nature’s Remedy for Going Green at Home, Work and Play!” scheduled for Wednesday May 20, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Medical Center.
- Guest Irene Griffith discussed legislation (AB 392) to restore funding for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in nursing homes. She urged Commissioners to support the bill.
- Commissioner Kraemer announced that she had attended the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and the Torrance Community Services Department Volunteer Recognition Dinner, indicating that both events were very nice. She also announced the following upcoming events: Torrance Symphony Fundraiser, Torrance Historical Society Installation Luncheon, and Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Gala.
- Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino announced the Armed Forces Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 16 as well as two free Navy Band Concerts scheduled for Friday, May 15. She also announced the following events: Ray Bradbury Lecture scheduled for May 22, City Yard Open House scheduled for June 6, and the Oodles of Noodles festival scheduled for June 7. She also reported that she had participated in the Beat The Odds Scholarship Dinner on May 7 and Fire Services Day on May 9.
- Mrs. Wand encouraged all to attend the Baby Boomer Health and Fitness Fair scheduled for Saturday, May 30 at the Wilson Park Sports Center.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at Bartlett Senior Citizens Center.

Approved as Submitted
June 9, 2009
s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk